

# THE Ocala BANNER.

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## FOR 1907 LEDGERS DAY, BOOKS AND CASH BOOKS,

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#### MISS SARA ELIZABETH HARRIS. Local Editor.

Mr. A. I. Webb, of Hawthorne, spent Sunday with his family in Ocala.

Rev. L. D. Geiger, of Apopka, was in Ocala Monday.

Mr. H. B. Duke, of Martin, spent Sunday with friends in Ocala.

Mrs. P. G. Snowden, of Jacksonville, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Joe Davis represented the Summerfield neighborhood in Ocala Monday.

Miss Edna Nichols, of Bellevue, is in the city the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. L. Bittinger.

Mr. W. M. Dale, of Gainesville, came down to attend the funeral of the late Mr. H. A. Ford.

Mrs. E. H. Mote, of Jacksonville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Hocker.

Mr. Nathan Mayo, of Summerfield, was a business visitor to Ocala Monday.

Rev. J. J. Porter, of Joplin, Mo., spent Sunday with his sister-in-law, Mrs. E. Van Hood.

Mr. Elijah Ferguson, a pioneer settler of Blitchton neighborhood was in Ocala Tuesday seeing the elephant and other things.

Mr. George Pasteur, one of the pioneer citizens of Marion county, was among those visiting the county site Monday. He is carrying his age in a most remarkable manner.

Mr. W. A. Baxley, a royal phosphate operator of Etna, was a pleasant visitor to the "Brick City" Monday and kept a number of friends in good humor by his inimitable anecdotes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Blalock, after spending several weeks in Ocala with their son, Dr. L. F. Blalock, and their daughter, Mrs. Geo. L. Taylor, left Monday for their home.

Mr. Sol Benjamin, of Atlanta, is spending a few days in Ocala with his brother, Mr. Herman Benjamin. Mr. Benjamin formerly resided in Ocala, and his many friends are always delighted to see him.

"The Atlanta Theatrical," which has been performing so acceptably in Ocala for the past three weeks or more, is now in Dunnellon and will remain in the "Phosphate City" for a week or more. We can recommend it as a nice clean little show.

Mr. W. B. Barner, a phosphate operator of Mascot, Lake county, was among the prominent visitors to Ocala Monday. Before leaving he said he must have "the oldest paper printed in Florida," and the Ocala Banner will keep him posted as to the happenings of this section.

Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Fluteje, tourists came down from Palm Beach in a automobile. After spending a few hours in Miami they started on the return trip to Palm Beach. They crossed the river at Fort Lauderdale in safety, but when the auto left the flat on which it had crossed it could not ascend the river bank, and rolled backward into fifteen feet of water. Mrs. Fluteje was in the automobile, but was not harmed beyond a wetting. —Miami News.

Mr. William Wilson has gone to Plant City to visit relatives.

Mrs. R. C. Loveridge has gone to Gainesville to attend the Bible Conference.

Mr. J. S. Norton, of St. Petersburg, who now owns a fine laundry in that city, came up to Ocala Tuesday for a short visit.

Mr. J. A. Jordan, of Tampa, and Mr. Tremere, of Belleview, were in Ocala last night to attend the meeting of the Elks.

This has surely been a week of attractions! Sparks' circus, Park's Dramatic company all the week, the La-Dell Alkahest company, the Boys' Orphan Band, receptions, card parties, prayer meetings, revivals, etc., etc. Ocala is all to the good.

Rev. Wm. Crane Gray, D. D., bishop of the missionary jurisdiction of southern Florida, is mourning the death of his sister, Mrs. Magoffin, who died at the home of her son-in-law, State Attorney John Jones, at Orlando, Tuesday evening last.

In the matter of the arrivals the Ocala House has passed the high water mark; so has the Montezuma, the Ocklawaha Inn, the Hotel de Kaiser, the Florida House, the Carlton House, the Spellman House, and all the other hotels and boarding houses of the city.

Quite a number of firms representing court house furnishings and appointments were before the board of county commissioners Monday and displayed by photographs and otherwise the various types of furnishings manufactured by their various houses. The commissioners have not yet made the selections but they are proceeding with great care and deliberation and it may be said in advance that the furnishings will be in keeping with the exterior beauty of the building.

Mr. Jas. R. Moorhead has just returned from a visit to Salt Springs. He says it is as pretty a spot as there is in Marion county. The spring is surrounded with high bluffs and the waters are remarkable for their curative powers. Some of the most marvelous cures are attributed to them. He saw Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Roberts, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Dick Hendricks, Mr. Ed. Tucker and Mr. Levi Roberts. They are enjoying themselves immensely and are greatly benefitted.

The funeral of Mr. H. A. Ford was held at the Grace Episcopal church last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every seat was occupied and the countenances of the people depicted the general sorrow, and the numerous floral offerings told of the esteem in which the deceased was held. Rev. George Hendree Harrison conducted the services and after they were over the remains were deposited in Greenwood cemetery. The cortege was a very large one and was headed by the Ocala fire department. The beautiful and fragrant flowers with which his grave was covered will fade but his good deeds will live on forever.

Death of Little Alice Knox. Mr. James E. Brown received the sad intelligence Monday morning of the death of his little niece, Alice Knox, at the home of her parents in Micanopy.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mr. S. R. Brown, grandfather of the little one, went up to Micanopy Monday afternoon to attend the funeral.

We sympathize with the bereaved parents and relatives in their sorrow.

#### MRS. LOUIS HORN'S RECEPTION.

Monday was a typical Florida day, bright and balmy, and the beautiful reception given by Mrs. Louis Horn in honor of Miss Epperson, of Williston, from 3 to 6 o'clock, was indeed a happy culmination.

This elegant home on Ocklawaha avenue with its immense lawn, winding walks, flowers, and shrubbery, so beautifully kept, is one of the most admired in the city, and on this festive occasion was made a dream of loveliness by artistic decorators. In addition to the greenery and cut flowers, the valentine conceit was carried out in a novel manner.

Mrs. S. Potts Eagleton and Miss Freddie Foy received the ladies at the door, from whence they were escorted to the receiving line by Mrs. Lee Miller.

Mrs. Horn was gowned in black lace over taffeta, with applique and velvet trimmings.

Miss Epperson, the guest of honor, wore an exquisite gown of pink chiffon over taffeta, embellished with lace.

Assisting were Mrs. E. Dillingham of Daytona, in gray silk and real lace; Mrs. S. N. Limbaugh, of Starke, in white net over taffeta; Miss McGuire, of Pennsylvania, in blue radium silk, and Mrs. W. D. Richey, in black lace over taffeta.

Mrs. E. Van Hood, a symphony in black, ushered the guests to the punch room. The large mirror which almost covered the end of the room reflected the smiling faces and unique decorations, and made many beautiful living pictures. The ceiling and doors were festooned with different sizes of red hearts, strung on ribbon, and a cozy nook made in the same effective way formed a pretty bower where Miss Bessie Porter and Marguerite Spellman served punch.

Mrs. W. A. Knight, Sexton and Crosby invited the guests into the dining room.

Mrs. E. M. Howard and F. B. Beckham poured the coffee and chocolate. The table was very artistic with a bank of violets in the center and a basket of the same sweet flowers pendant from the chandelier, white tulip studded with violets was caught up from the corners of the table to the chandelier in filmy folds.

Misses Etta Hood, Elizabeth Newsum, Ethel Crosby, Helen Brown and Nellie Beckham served the delicious salad, cream in heart shaped cups, cake, candied violets, heart mints, coffee and chocolate.

Miss Theo Beckham pinned a tiny red heart, which was numbered, on each guest, then Mrs. L. J. Knight requested them to enter the valentine room to try their fate. Both comic and elaborate valentines were hung around the room which created much merriment, while Misses Edna Dozier and Annie Nixon helped each one to find her corresponding number.

Miss Pansy Souter and Mrs. Cline rendered delightful music, which made this, Mrs. Horn's first entertainment to her Ocala friends, a most enjoyable one and they hope that she will give many more for every one who was fortunate enough to be present think her a charming and cordial hostess.

#### Marion County's Fine Court House.

Mr. Frank Rice, of Atlanta, who has been a member of the board of public works of that city, and has had large experience in the construction of public buildings, was in Ocala Friday, and in company with Mr. William Hocker, inspected Marion county's new court house, and he was loud in his praise of it. He said that no city in the south has a building that can compare with it that has cost less than one hundred thousand dollars. He says that he has some knowledge of the cost of building materials and the price of labor, and that if he had been told that this building had cost the people of Marion county an hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars he would not have at all been surprised. He says that the workmanship and finish are excellent and no part of the work so far as he has been able to judge has been slighted. We are glad to hear one so competent as Mr. Rice, who is entirely disinterested, pass such an opinion. Mr. Rice was a candidate for mayor of Atlanta a few years ago and has been spending several weeks with his wife at Homosassa on a fishing outing. He is now on his way to Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Sarasota.

It is Thaw's millions and his wife's beauty that gives interest and glamour to his case. If he had been poor and his wife ugly the case would have passed unnoticed by the press. Sometimes it pays to be poor and ugly.

#### MRS. HOCKER AND MRS. AUSTIN GIVE BRILLIANT VALENTINE RECEPTION.

Had Saint Valentine, the patron saint of love and charity, been present in the flesh at the exquisite reception which Mrs. William Hocker and Mrs. Jean Kellogg Austin gave on Tuesday afternoon at the home of the former, flattered indeed would he have felt. There have been many beautiful receptions given in Ocala and this one was exceedingly beautiful in every detail.

The guest of honor at this brilliant affair was Mrs. Louis Weyman Duval, whose marriage occurred in November last and who, since coming to Ocala to reside, has been very much feted and honored. She was strikingly handsome in a black lace gown with pale pink trimmings and her flowers were pink carnations.

Mrs. Hocker received her guests in an exquisite gown of red pompadour silk, which was a charming creation of the dressmaker's art. Introduced in trimmings were touches of gold, pale blue and pink and lace medallions with a yoke of lace. Her flowers were white roses. A charming woman socially she is never more so than in her own home, which forms a very handsome setting for her charms.

The other hostess, Mrs. Austin, is likewise very popular with the society folk of Ocala and she was additionally charming Tuesday. She wore a white silk gown, the trimmings being a delicate shade of green and her flowers were pink and white roses.

Receiving with the hostesses and guest of honor was Mrs. E. H. Mote, of Jacksonville, a sister of Mrs. Hocker and Mrs. Duval. She wore a handsome black lace gown and carried pink carnations. She is very like her sister and has many warm friends here, having frequently visited in Ocala.

Several hundred guests were entertained during the afternoon and the picture of the handsomely gowned women, together with the elaborate decorations, was one of great beauty.

On the front veranda Mrs. E. L. Carney received the guests and little Miss Agnes Burford received the cards. She was a beautiful little cupid, wearing a white tulle dress and a crown of hearts. Her slippers were silk and in her hands she held a gift bow and arrow. Her golden curls and beautiful features were greatly admired and she received her full share of homage during the afternoon.

In a cozy nook on the veranda Mrs. J. C. B. Keene presided at the punch bowl and was assisted by Misses Louise Scott and Alice Bullock.

In the hall Mrs. Herbert L. Anderson, Mrs. D. E. Mciver and Mrs. Clarence Camp received and introduced the ladies to the visitors. In this receiving line were Mrs. Carl Burton Van Deman, of Jacksonville, Miss Jessie Nurney, of Suffolk, Va., Miss Edna Cushing, of East Orange, N. J., Miss Lillian Wright, of Macon, Ga., and Mrs. Beuna Mimms, of Trenton, Ky.

Mrs. Van Deman's gown was white chiffon embroidered in pink and black. Miss Nurney wore lavender crepe de chene and Miss Cushing, lavender silk. Mrs. Mimms wore a white and pink brocaded satin gown with real lace trimmings and Miss Wright wore a pale yellow and blue crepe de chene.

All of the walls of this elegant home were hung with bamboo and the lights were all shaded in red. The other decorations in the hall were numbers and numbers of red and white hearts, which were very prettily arranged.

Mrs. R. A. Burford, Mrs. E. Van Hood, Mrs. G. T. Maughs, Mrs. C. R. Tydings, Mrs. Mamie Howse-Stovall and Mrs. L. F. Blalock in the various rooms greeted the guests and helped in different ways to entertain them.

In the dining room, which was entirely in white and red, the following young ladies served: Misses Hattie Dye, Esther Weathers, Valeta Potter, Ethel Robinson, Mattie Williams and Sara Harris, while Miss Byrd Wartmann gave to each a small heart bearing a number. All of these young ladies wore their hair high and powdered and their faces were adorned with paint and patches. They were indeed a pretty group of living valentines.

The table was an immense heart shaped valentine, the conception being a most lovely one. Around the edges was a lace border and gracefully draped over the table was airy tulle interwoven with delicate gold threads. The cut glass candlesticks held red candles with red shades to each of which was attached a red arrow. In the center of the table was a large mirror outlined with smilax. The table was a work of art and elicited

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expressions of delight from all.

On leaving the dining room Miss Bessie Porter, charmingly arrayed as a gypsy, gave to each of the visitors a souvenir valentine corresponding in number to the ones on the hearts that had previously been given them.

From this room the ladies passed into the library, which was very quaintly and attractively decorated. One corner of the room had been converted into a Japanese tea room and under an immense Japanese umbrella the tea table was placed. Mrs. S. T. Sistrunk and Miss Pauline Sullivan presided. They wore Japanese kimono and had a cup of tea and a pleasant word for all.

The other corner of the library was arranged as a Dutch room. Mrs. Jack Camp and Miss Annie Davis as Dutch maidens, served chocolate with whipped cream. In this room the plants, flowers and furniture were in keeping with the Japanese and Dutch idea.

Splendid music was rendered by Mrs. Harry Cline and Miss Pansy Souter on piano and violin and proved a very delightful acquisition to the afternoon.

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#### Mrs. Thomas N. Davis.

It is with sadness that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Thomas N. Davis, at her home near Summerfield, on Saturday, February 9.

The funeral was held at the family residence, Rev. Dr. Freer, the Baptist minister at Belleview, performing the last sad rites. The remains were interred in the family burial grounds.

Mrs. Davis was a life long member of the Methodist church, and raised a family of children who will always reverence the memory of a loving Christian mother. She was at the time of her death fifty-eight years old, and had been in fairly good health up to about two weeks before her death, which was brought about by a severe attack of inflammation of the stomach. Besides a husband and a host of loving friends Mrs. Davis leaves the following children to mourn her departure: Mr. Joseph W., Charles P., Mr. James P., and Mrs. T. W. Dillard, Mrs. C. E. Lucius and Miss Daisy Davis.

The Ocala Banner joins the bereaved ones in sympathy for the departed wife and mother.

#### Miss Burnett At Home.

Marie Burnett, the pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burnett, entertained a large number of her little friends in honor of her 9th birthday Friday.

During the afternoon many games were played by the little folks, then they were invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. The table was decorated with fruits and a large birthday cake with nine lighted candles.

Miss Marie was assisted in entertaining her guests by her mother and late in the afternoon the little folks bade their hostess good-bye wishing her many more such happy birthdays. Miss Marie was the recipient of many birthday presents.

#### Dr. Parkhurst Called Down.

Lakeland, Fla., Feb. 9, 1907.  
To the Editor Ocala Banner.

Dr. Parkhurst says that Mrs. Eddy's school of religion is silliness amounting almost to wickedness.

No one who knows what Christian science is can possibly say this. I used to think precisely as the venerable doctor does, but when I learned what this teaching really is, I felt that I had crucified anew my Lord and Master.

It can scarcely be denied that the revelation of Truth is evolutionary. Did not the Master himself say, "I have many things to say to you, but ye cannot hear them now?" It is in the power of everyone to prove the truth of Mrs. Eddy's statement, however at variance with his previous methods of thought they may be; and it seems hardly possible for anyone to read Mrs. Eddy's book "Science and Health" through with an open heart and mind without seeing the flood of light thrown upon the bible and the true life thereby.

The writer has had abundant proof in his own experience of the identity of this Truth and that which he has ever sought and in smaller measure found in the Episcopal church, of which he still counts himself a consistent member.

R. R. SNOWDEN.

Mr. Charles Peyer has greatly improved the front of his store and has made it look almost like a new building. He is determined not to be outdone by his neighbors and it is this rivalry that builds up a town and makes it become beautiful.

Mrs. Arlington C. Fancher, of Bradentown, formerly Miss Louise Moody, of this city, arrived Tuesday for a short visit to her mother, Mrs. E. P. Moody.

Wanted.—A correspondent at Belleview.